Source Water Protection Spending through Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Set-Asides

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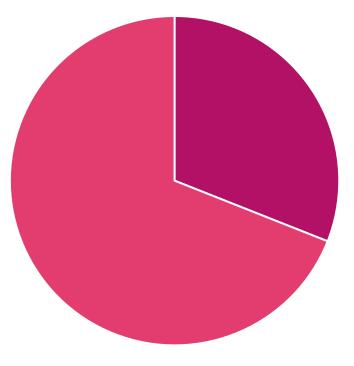


Source Water Protection (SWP) Inventory

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- Collect funding and program data
- Integrate relevant data to identify additional benefits
- Analyze and visualize the data
- Adapt SWP priorities to findings

About the DWSRF "set-asides"



 An option, not a requirement, for state DWSRF program managers to use

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- State DWSRF managers can take up to ~31% of each federal capitalization grant (from EPA) for non-infrastructure purposes
- One major area of "set-aside" eligibility is source water protection

Data Sources & Methodology for Source Water Protection in DWSRF Set-Asides

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- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) National Information Management System (NIMS) Reports
- Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2020
- Discussions with EPA Headquarters SRF managers and staff
- Focus on source water protection authorized activities

Set-Asides with Authorized Activities for Source Water Protection (SWP)

State Program Management (10% Set-Aside)

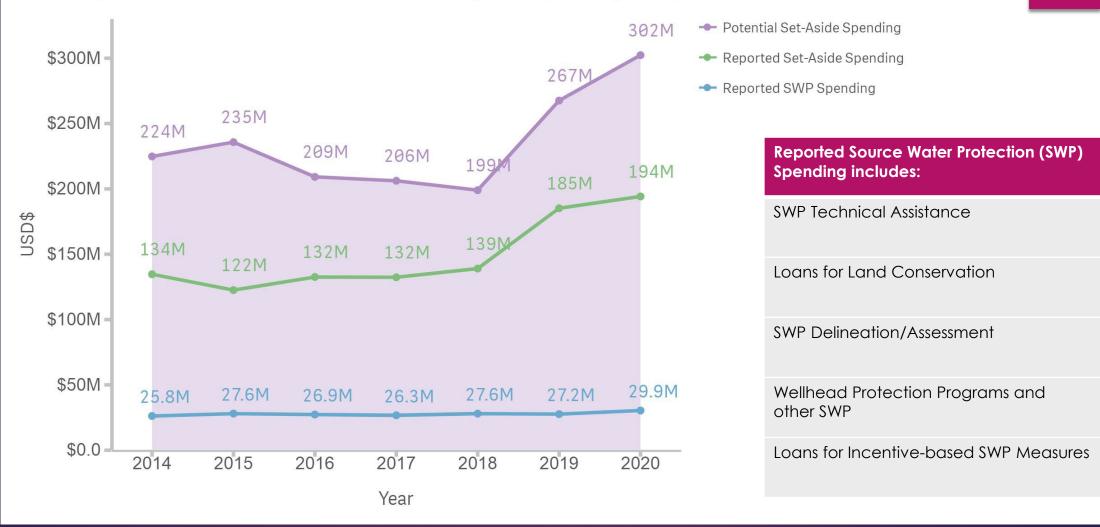
- Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) Administration
- Source Water Protection Technical Assistance
- Capacity Development
- Operator Certification Program

Local Assistance and Other State Programs (15% Set-Aside)

- Loans to public water systems for SWP Land Acquisition/Conservation Easements
- Loans to community water systems for Incentive-Based SWP Measures
- SWP Area Delineation/Assessment
- Wellhead Protection Programs and SWP
- Technical/Financial Assistance to PWSs for Capacity Development

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund





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Local Assistance and Other State Programs Set-Aside (15%)

31%

81%

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Capacity Development Operator Certification Programs PWSS Administration Source Water Protection Technical Assistance

4%

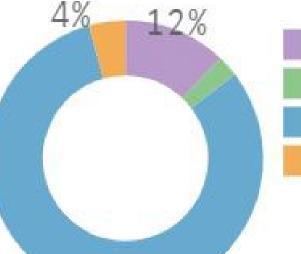
Average Proportions FY 2014-2020

State Program Management Set-Aside (10%)

Land Acquisition/Conservation Easements Loans SWP Area Delineation/Assessment Technical or Financial Assistance to PWSs for Capacity Development Wellhead Protection Programs

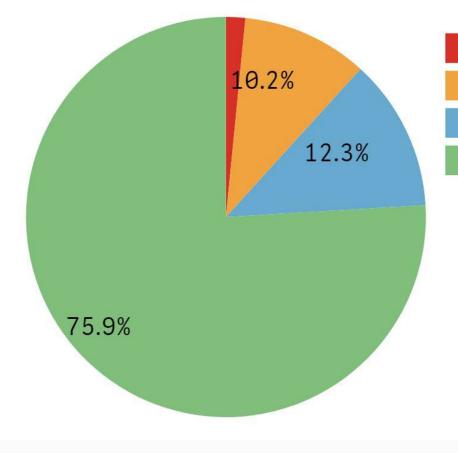
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64%



Source Water Protection Related Activities in DWSRF Set-Asides

Percent of Total SWP Set-Aside Spending (FY2014-2020)

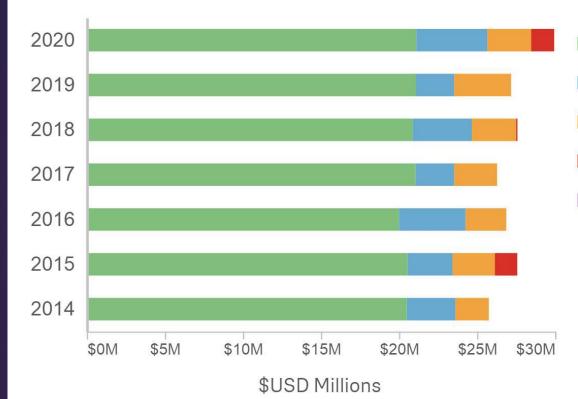


Land Acquisition/Conservation Easements Loans SWP Area Delineation/Assessment SWP Technical Assistance Wellhead Protection Programs 8

No Loans for Incentive-Based Measures Spending between FY2014-FY2020.

Source Water Protection Related Activities in DWSRF Set-Asides

SWP Spending by Authorized Activity



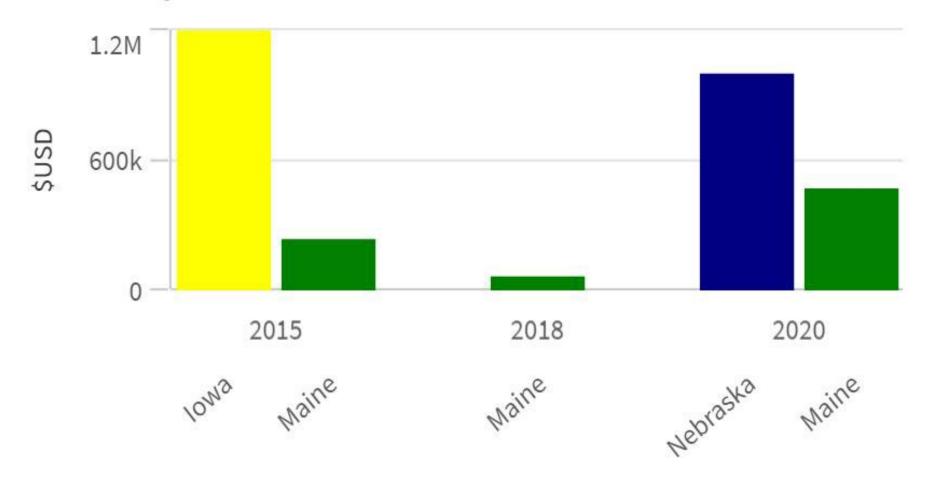
- Wellhead Protection Programs
- SWP Technical Assistance
- SWP Area Delineation/Assessment
- Land Acquisition/Conservation Easements Loans
- Incentive-Based SWP Measures Loans

No Loans for Incentive-Based SWP Measures spending occurred between FY2014- FY2020.

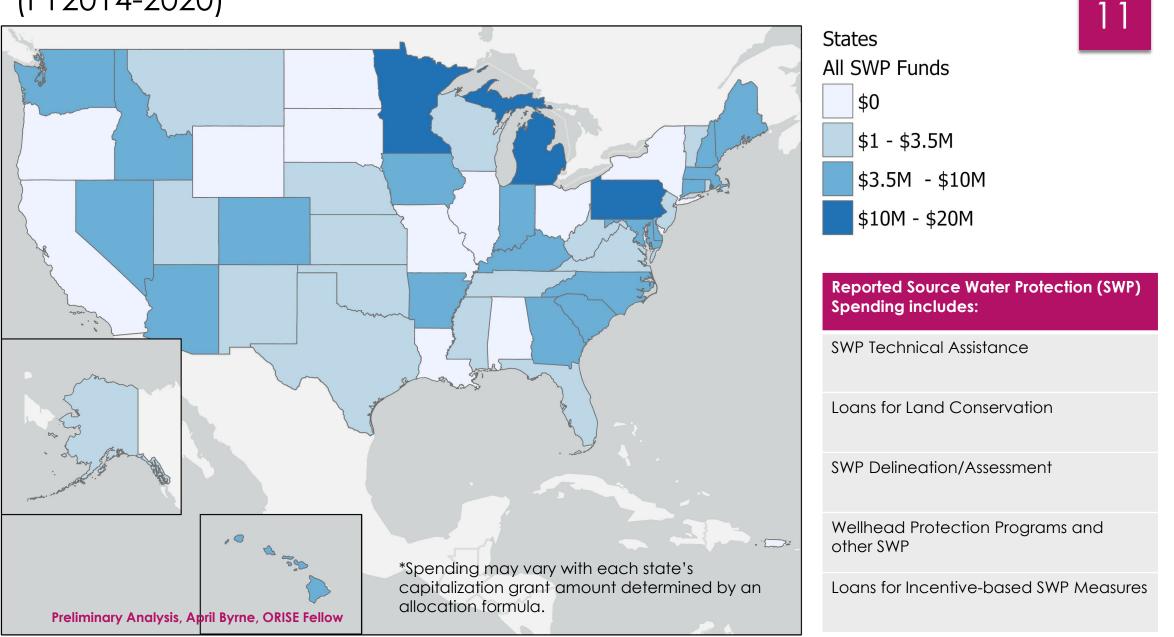
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Land Acquisition/Conservation Easement Loans



Cumulative DWSRF Set-Aside Spending for Source Water Protection (FY2014-2020)

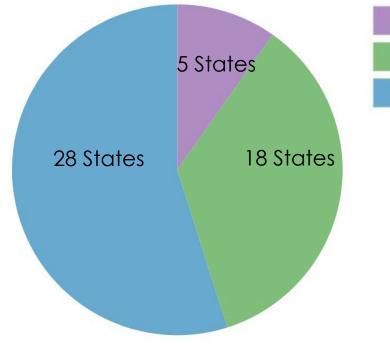


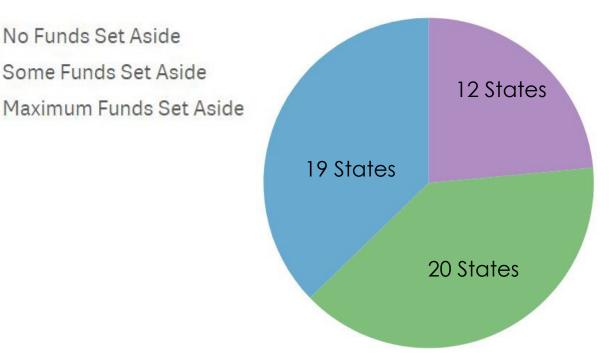
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FY 2020 DWSRF Set-Asides

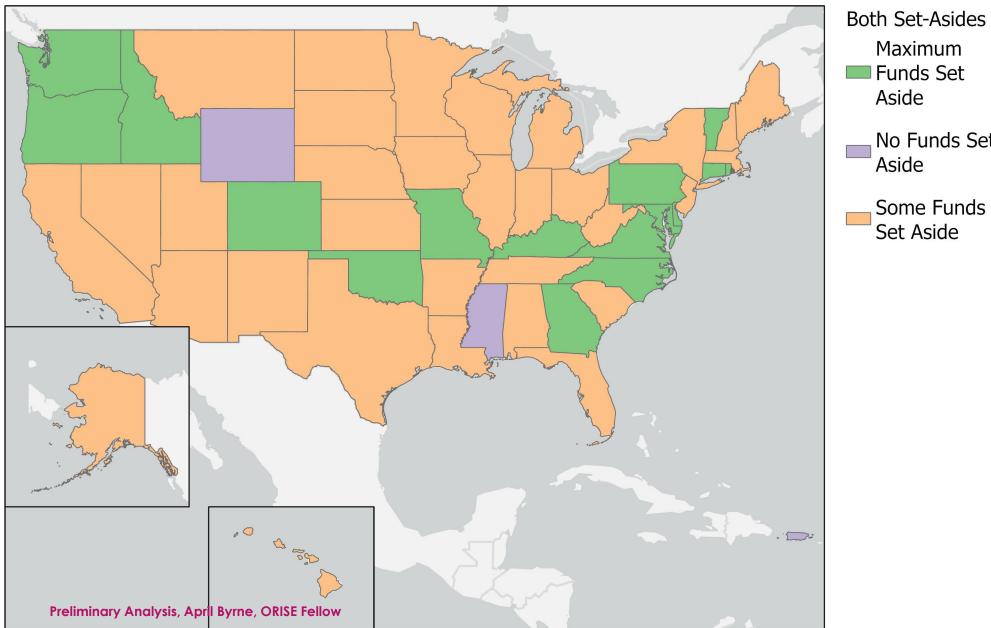
State Program Management Set-Aside

Local Assistance and Other State Programs Set-Aside





State Program and Local Assistance Set-Asides Maximized in FY2020



No Funds Set Some Funds

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Key Takeaways

Set-asides are optional and many states are choosing to use these funds for source water protection efforts and other non-infrastructure programs 14

- While states may maximize both set-asides, the majority of set-asides are spent on activities other than source water protection
- States use grant-like or non-loan eligibilities (e.g., wellhead protection) more frequently than the loan eligibilities
- Significant opportunity to increase source water protection spending over the next 5 fiscal years

Questions & Discussion

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